CSC1135 lab exam rules 2025-26

- The lab exam will take place on Tuesday 25 November 2025 in LG26.

- The lab exam will run from 11:10-12:50 (100 minutes).

- The lab exam is worth 15% of your overall mark.

- Arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled start time.

- Sit at your assigned PC. The lab exam can only be taken on a lab PC.

- Turn off your phone and place it face-up on the computer case.

- Place your ID card on the desk.

- Lab machines will boot into exam mode at the lab exam start time and you will be automatically logged into an empty Linux exam account.

- Open a terminal and unzip the lab exam as follows (run this command only once during the lab exam to avoid accidentally overwriting your work):

    $ unzip labexam.zip (enter the password supplied by invigilators)

- Open labexam/exam.txt in an editor and attempt all exercises. Write your answers directly into exam.txt. Save this file regularly.

- Once you have attempted all exercises, upload your exam.txt at the lockbox URL provided in exam.txt. To upload your exam.txt you will need to log in to lockbox with your DCU credentials.

- In advance of the lab exam, upload your sample lab exam solution to lockbox to verify:
  - a) you understand the submission procedure, and,
  - b) your lockbox credentials work.

- Submissions will be automatically collected from lockbox at the lab exam end time. Late submissions will be ignored.

- The lab exam is closed-book.

- No technical support will be provided during the lab exam. The ability to do the following are considered a part of the lab exam:
  - Run a text editor,
  - use gdb effectively,
  - save your work,
  - etc.

- If you require paper, ask and some will be provided.

- You are solely responsible for the following (which are considered part of the lab exam):
  - Entering your answers in labexam/exam.txt,
  - saving your work regularly,
  - following the submission instructions supplied in exam.txt.

- When taking the lab exam you must adhere to DCU's Academic Integrity Policy which is available here. Any breach of the policy will result in penalties and the application of disciplinary procedures. The following are examples of policy breaches:

    - Accessing any resources or materials other than those installed in

the Linux exam account,
- being in possession of a powered-on electronic device (phone, smartwatch, etc.),
- communicating with anyone apart from invigilators,
- failure to sit at your assigned PC.

- During the lab exam, should you require a bathroom break, raise your hand and an invigilator will accompany you.

- A sample lab exam will be supplied in advance of the lab exam.